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SUMMARY: ISTANBUL POLICE ARRESTED 14 SUSPECTS IN THEIR CRACK-DOWN ON EXTREME LEFT TERRORISTS BELIEVED RESPONSIBLE FOR RECENT ROBBERIES IN ISTANBUL. STUDENT UNREST CONTINUES WITH CLASH BETWEEN LEFT AND RIGHT STUDENTS RESULTING IN DEATH OF INNOCENT BYSTANDER. END SUMMARY.

1. ISTANBUL TURKISH NATIONAL POLICE(TNP), FIRST SECTION CHIEF, VURAL YENER, ANNOUNCED AT JULY 29 PRESS CONFERENCE THAT CONTINUING INVESTIGATION OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN ISTANBUL HAD RESULTED IN ARREST OF 14 SUSPECTS. THE POLICE REPORT INDICATES THAT THOSE DETAINED WERE IDENTIFIED FROM SOME 92 INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY FOR QUESTIONING IN COURSE OF EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OVER SIX WEEK PERIOD. ACCORDING TO PRESS, 14 SUSPECTS ARRESTED AND TURNED OVER TO SECURITY COURT IRE BELIEVED TO BE

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MEMBERS OF TURKISH PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY (TPLA).

2. ONE OF 14 ARRESTED, FEHMI GOKCEK, IS ACCUSED OF PARTICIPATING IN \$41,000 (661,000 TURKISH LIRA) ROBBERY OF ISTANBUL'S MUSTAFAPASA STATE MONOPOLY DEPOT ON JUNE 18. THIS WAS ONE OF SERIES OF ROBBERIES IN ISTANBUL AREA OVER THE PAST TWO MONTHS WHICH ARE WIDELY BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN EXECUTED BY TPLA. GOKCEK, WHO WAS DETAINED SOME WEEKS AGO, APPARENTLY PROVIDED INFORMATION WHICH LED PLICE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL RAIDS AND FURTHER ARRESTS. RAIDS WHICH APPARENTLY CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT METROPOLITAN ISTANBUL AREA, NETTED IN ADDITIIN TO ARRESTS A HARVEST OF SIX PISTOLS, SEVERAL HAND BOMBS, ASSORTED AMMUNITION AND NUMEROUS PROHIBITED PUBLICATIONS. ONE OF SITES WAS FARM IN KUCUKSU ON THE ASIAN SIDE OF CITY WHICH REPORTEDLY HAD BEEN USED AS A REVOLUTIONARY TRAINING CAMP.

3. DURING SAME INVESTIGATION POLICE ALSO CONDUCTED OPERATION AT NIGDE STUDENT DORMITORY IN THE FINDIKZADE AREA WHERE A STUDENT WAS ARRESTED AFTER FIRING ON THE POLICE. TWO ROOMS WERE FOUND IN THE DORMITORY WHICH HAD APPARENTLY BEEN USED BY THE TPLA. NEWSPAPER REPORTS INDICATE THAT LEFTIST STUDENTS FROM THIS SAME DORMITORY WERE INVOLVED AUGUST 1 IN AN ARMED CLASH WITH RIGHTIST STUDENTS FROM ANOTHER DORMITORY. VIOLENCE BETWEEN THESE TWO GROUPS HAS BEEN GOING ON OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS WITH THIS WEEKEND'S INCIDENT LEAVING ONE INNOCENT BYSTANDER DEAD AND ONE STUDENT SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. ACCORDING TO AUGUST 2 RADIO REPORT, 39 SUSPECTS WERE DETAINED AS RESULT OF THIS LATEST STREET FIGHT. IN EARLY MORNING HOURS OF AUGUST 2, A FINDIKZADE BOOKSTORE WAS BOMBED AND DESTROYED. OWNER CLAIMS HE HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY THREATENED BY MEMBERS OF RIGHT WING IDEALIST HEARTHS ORGANIZATION FOR SELLING LEFTIST LITERATURE.

4. COMMENT: VURAL YENER, OBSERVED BY CONGENOFF IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS MEETING WITH THE PRESS, WAS CLEARLY EXUBERANT OVER HIS SECTION'S SUCCESS IN THIS OPERATION. ISTANBUL POLICE HAVE BEEN UNDER

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STANABLY CONCERNED OVER TERRORIST ACTIVITIES OVER PAS SEVERAL MONTHS(REPORTED REFTELS). LATEST SERIES OF TERRORIST ROBBERIES IS REMINISCENT OF TERRORIST FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES DURING PERIOD LEADIN G UP TO 1971 IMPOSITION OF MARTIAL LAW. ALTHOUGH IT IS DIFFICULT TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JUDGE STRENGTH OF EXTREME LEFT TERRORIST GROUPS IN ISTANBUL, POLICE SEEM TO BE MAKING SOME HEADWAY IN ROOTING OUT SOME ELEMENTS. ENCOURAGED BY SUCCESS SO FAR, ISTANBUL POLICE CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN AGAINST TERRORISTS. AS FOR STUDENT MIOLENCE, INCIDENTS SUCH AS THOSE AT FINDIKZADE MQY WELL CONTINUE IN COMING WEEKS AS NUMBER OF STUDENTS REMAIN CONCENTRATED IN DORMITORIES DURING SUMMER VACATIONN PERIOD.  
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